

CABLE TELEVISION SPORTS PROGRAMMING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine vertically integrated sports programming, focusing on whether cable companies are excluding competition, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Salinger, Director, Bureau of Economics, Federal Trade Commission; John D. Goodman, Coalition for Competitive Access to Content,

Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, and James Baller, Baller Herbst Law Group, all of Washington, D.C.; and David L. Cohen, Comcast Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 6406–6419; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 102; H. Con. Res. 501; and H. Res. 1103 were introduced. **Pages H8978–79**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8980**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 5682, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India (H. Rept. 109–721);

H. Res. 1099, relating to consideration of H.R. 6111, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the Tax Court may review claims for equitable innocent spouse relief and to suspend the running on the period of limitations while such claims are pending (H. Rept. 109–722);

H. Res. 1100, providing for consideration of H.R. 6406, to modify temporarily certain rates of duty and make other technical amendments to the trade laws, to extend certain trade preference programs (H. Rept. 109–723);

H. Res. 1101, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 5682, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India (H. Rept. 109–724); and

H. Res. 1102, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 109–725).

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The House agreed to H. Res. 1096, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 528 after agreeing to order the previous question.

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Also pursuant to section 3 of H. Res. 1096, House Resolutions 810, 939, 951, and 1047 were laid on the table. **Page H8895**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Supporting the goals and ideals of Plan Ahead with an Advance Directive Week: H. Res. 934, to support the goals and ideals of Plan Ahead with an Advance Directive Week; **Pages H8899–H8901**

Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act: Concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 864, to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H8901–04**

Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006: S. 2370, to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H8909–14**

Making a conforming amendment to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to examinations of certain insured depository institutions: H.R. 6345, to make a conforming amendment to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to examinations of certain insured depository institutions; **Pages H8914–16**

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities: H. Con. Res. 343, to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities; **Pages H8916–17**

Truman Scholarship Fund Modernization Act: H.R. 6206, to revise the calculation of interest on investments of the Harry S Truman Memorial Scholarship Fund; **Pages H8917–19**

Naming the Armed Forces Readiness Center in Great Falls, Montana, in honor of Captain William Wylie Galt, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor: S. 3759, to name the Armed Forces Readiness Center in Great Falls, Montana, in honor of Captain William Wylie Galt, a recipient of the

Congressional Medal of Honor—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H8922–23**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established an Irish-American Heritage Month: H. Res. 733, express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established an Irish-American Heritage Month; **Pages H8923–24**

Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006: H.R. 6344, amended, to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy Act; and **Pages H8950–66**

Federal Wildland Firefighter Classification Act: H.R. 5697, amended, to provide for the appropriate designation of certain Federal positions involved in wildland fire suppression activities. **Pages H8966–67**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measures is expected to resume tomorrow, Friday, December 8th:

Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act of 2006: H.R. 5948, amended, to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004; and **Pages H8905–09**

Amending title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress an annual report and to provide notice to the public on congressional initiatives in funds authorized or made available to the Department of Defense: H.R. 6375, to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress an annual report and to provide notice to the public on congressional initiatives in funds authorized or made available to the Department of Defense. **Pages H8919–22**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:48 p.m. and reconvened at 2:14 p.m. **Page H8924**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:25 p.m. and reconvened at 10:25 p.m. **Page H8967**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, December 8th. **Page H8967**

United States—China Review Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from the Minority Leader (Ms. Pelosi) wherein she announced her reappointment of Mr. Michael Wessel of Falls Church, Virginia to the United States-China Review Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2008. **Page H8967**

In addition, Ms. Pelosi hereby appoint to that Commission Mr. Jeffrey L. Fiedler of Great Falls, Virginia, to fill the remainder of the term of Mr. George Becker, who is resigning effective December 31, 2006. **Page H8967**

MINER Act Technical Study Panel—Appointment: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader of the House (Ms. Pelosi) and the

Democratic Leader of the Senate (Mr. Reid), pursuant to Public Law 109–236, the appointment of Dr. James L. Weeks of Maryland to serve as a member of the MINER Act Technical Study Panel. **Pages H8967–68**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8892 and H8928.

Senate Referrals: S. 843, S.1876, S. 2653, S. 2735, S. 3546, S. 3718, S. 3821, S. 4042, S. 4046, S. 4091, S. 4092, and S. 4093 were held at the desk; and S. 2322 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Pages H8892, H8928, H8977**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H8898. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRAQ—AFGHANISTAN U.S. MILITARY TRANSITION TEAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on U.S. military transition teams in Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG James J. Lovelace, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3, U.S. Army; MG George J. Flynn, USMC, Commanding General, Training and Education Command, U.S. Marine Corps; and MG Carter F. Ham, USA, Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division, U.S. Army.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, PROCESS AND PROCEDURE PROJECT; OVERSIGHT NFL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION ARBITRATION PROCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law adopted a motion approving the Interim Report on the Administrative Law, Process and Procedure Project for the 21st Century.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on The Arbitration Process of the National Football League Players Association. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—HENRY J. HYDE UNITED STATES-INDIA PEACEFUL ATOMIC ENERGY COOPERATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 5682, Henry J. Hyde United States-India Peaceful Atomic Energy Cooperation Act of 2006, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Royce.